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MARKET FOR
CANADIAN WHEAT
ABSOLUTELY NEEDED

Premier Bracken of Manitoba is in Ottawa and while there gave an interview regarding Western conditions, that is well worthy of consideration.

He stated that management of the wheat business should be put in the hands of a few men who would do no more than "look the fringe" of the problem and declaring that, from Western point of view, it was to be hoped that Hon. Richard Bedford, Prime Minister, would conclude a trade agreement with Great Britain which would ensure permanent markets for our wheat. Premier Bracken of Manitoba gave an interview this afternoon following completion of negotiations with the Federal Government in regard to the disposition of the \$20,000,000 unemployment relief fund.

We are endeavoring to cooperate with the Federal Government, said Mr. Bracken, in place of the unemployment situation. Of course, we do not anticipate the expenditure of public money to do more than touch the fringe of the problem. We cannot lift ourselves by pulling our boot straps.

The expenditure of the Government in England are sufficient proof of this, if proof were needed. Much more fundamental treatment is necessary.

Asked what he meant by this statement, Mr. Bracken went on to say that as far as the west is concerned it means a market for our surplus cereals. For 25 years we have been encouraged to increase acreage, and till today we are producing over eight times the amount of wheat that Canada requires. We are, therefore, at the mercy of foreign markets. Do you realize that the grain crop this year is worth four hundred million less than that of two years ago, and that the return to Western farmers, after paying the cost of harvesting, threshing and transportation, is less than one-third of what it was two years ago. Eastern Canada may not realize it, but the West, in facing the greatest crisis in its history. What we need is a trade agreement with Great Britain and other countries which will open up markets for our surplus agricultural products. Unless profitable export markets are secured, unemployment will continue, and so will depression and also the abolition of farms.

Asked if he could see any way out of the difficulties, Mr. Bracken replied: "At the moment our hope is that Mr. Bennett will be able to make an arrangement with Great Britain which will secure a permanent place in her markets."

"What about the tariff and the farmers?" he was asked.

"I prefer not to discuss the tariff," he replied, "but in so far as it respects imports of British goods, I am satisfied that we will have to choose between letting in more British goods or still further restricting low prices for Western grain."

As to the immediate future, Mr. Bracken was not pessimistic. "The present situation," he said, "admittedly is difficult, but we have faced serious problems before and we have overcome them. I have no doubt that we will do so again. It will mean that we will have to lighten our loads and all interest in industrial and commercial as well as agricultural, will have to cooperate unconditionally if we are to avoid serious injury to the chief primary industry of Western Canada. We can pull our selves out of a bad hole if we all work together."

FEE COSTS ANNUALLY
\$2.43 PER HEN

OTTAWA: The ten year average of the cost of feeding laying hens at the Lantzville Experimental Station of the Dominion Department of Agriculture is \$2.43 per hen, which means that with eggs sold at an average of 25 cents per dozen it takes 6.95 dozen per 81 eggs, to pay for the keep of the laying hen, eggs laid in excess of that number being profit.

VANCOUVER GRAIN
SHIPPERS SHOW
BIG INCREASE

Vancouver: Grain exporters say for this season from the Port of Vancouver are more than a million and a half bushels ahead of the same date last year, according to a report of the Vancouver Board of Harbour Commissioners. The exports to August 28th amounted to 2,627,206 bushels as compared with \$29,299 bushels for the corresponding period of last year.

"You didn't get married Thomas?" a vicar asked his guest. "You know Adam was a gardener and he had a wife."

"Yes, sir," replied the gardener, "but he didn't keep his job long after he got her!"

HARD AND
GOOD TIME
ARE PSYCHOLOGICAL

T. B. Manually, president of the Sun Life Assurance Company who is recognized as one of the shrewdest observers in connection with financial conditions in Canada is very optimistic regarding the return of improved conditions in Canada, during the next twelve months. In an interview in Toronto he presented an economic outlook that may be advantageously passed on to the public.

How are some of the things he said:

"The present so-called 'hard times' are really psychological. Hard times and boom times are the result of increasing pessimism on the one hand and increasing optimism on the other. Most humanity forces prices away from true values at one time and then, stamped by their forces, prices away from their true values."

Mr. Manually already has signs of the return to normality in the present economic structure. He said that he thinks the evidence of the return to normality will be apparent in the latter part of the winter. True normal conditions will have completely returned, thinks Mr. Manually, in the latter part of 1931 or the early months of 1932.

It may return earlier, if all depends on the acceleration of the return of courage. His own company has built the biggest insurance office building in the British Empire in Montreal in this year of depression. It has also built a hotel for its women employees. It is remodeling its Toronto office. It is encouraging any of its employees who are contemplating the building of homes to start right now. Now is the time they can get any work done to their own great advantage and at the same time help to smash the money man of depression that is sitting like an angry neighbor on top of the business life of the country at present.

Encouraged for commodities at present low prices is bound to it. That will lead to sales and more money to a normal level. Money is accumulating in this period of saving to an extent that it

HEARD ON THE STREET

An Emporia man's car struck the rear of a car driven by a woman.

"Didn't you see me stick my hand out?" the woman asked.

"No, I didn't," he replied.

"Well, if it had been my leg, you'd have seen it," she replied and drove away.

A Scotchman was going with his young daughter. They were both on the green when the young girl said to her father, "I've forgotten that this is my birthday. What are ye going to give me for a present?"

"To be sure, lassie, I must give ye something," said the good father. "Let me see, now. Ay, ay, I'll just give ye this book."

After the crash, the motorist rushed his wife to the nearest doctor. The physician stuck a thermometer under her tongue and told her to keep quiet for five minutes— which she did. As the couple were leaving the office the man moved a moment and tapped the doctor on the shoulder, confidentially: "Say, Doc," he whispered, "what will you take for this thing?"

"The sedan," he said, "was parked at the side of the road, and as I drew near I could hear noises of a struggle within. I could hear a frantic, piteous cry. Then the curse of a man, I cried softly round to the side, looked into the window and saw—a man trying to find a road map the same way as it had been."

Someone has found that when he buys one shirt he gives employment to 50 persons, and if of them do nothing but hole rips in the tail.

A local Scotchman requiring a small bottle, and seeing one in Patience's drug store which he thought of buying, entered the store and inquired the price of the bottle.

"Well," said the Druggist, "as it is, it will be five cents, but if you want anything in it, I won't charge for the bottle."

will soon have to break the dam of overpopulation and spread like a benign irrigation over the land fields of bumper crops and make the economic desert bloom like the rose of prosperity.

"I hen," said the Scotchman, "will you put a cork in it please?"

Mrs. Maggie: "Don't excuse your husband mean for me looking for a job."

Mrs. Duggan: "All of 'em."

Father: "That that young man rather fast?"

Daughter: "Yes, but I don't think he got away."

Wife: "John, I'm awfully disappointed. You haven't given me anything for my 29th birthday."

Husband: "29th? You've forgotten during. I gave it to you last year."

Lawyer: (talking client is under arrest) "You say you're a perfect stranger to this wife murder charge?"

Client: "She wasn't my wife."

A school inspector said to a pretty teacher:

"Do you teach observation?"

"Yes."

"Then I will tell the class. Now children, shut your eyes and all still!" The inspector made a show, whispering out of noise and following with: "new children will do it!"

One little boy piped out:

"Kinned teacher!"

"Pavson" said Ann Caroline (loudly): "Till like you to talk that down-dumb husband of mine."

"Wey Caroline, what's he done?"

"Toss 'em! Why he's done and let his chicken house door open and all his chickens has escaped."

"Oh, well, that's nothing. Char-lotta, you know, come home to roost."

"Come home?" ground Ann Caroline. "Come home? Pavson, den chickens'll go home?"

Don: "Have you known Phyllis long?"

Ted: "Oh, yes. I've known her ever since she was a girl."

"What! A little squib like you a girl's school teacher?"

"My small size is the secret of my success. The lions are willing to let me to give a little larger."

Records revealed that he spent forty days in jail last January.

On a Maryland farm, a turkey gobbler is sitting on twenty one

eggs—"The big sis!" remarks Jim Swanson.

Lawyer: Handling check for \$100 to client who had been awarded \$100? "There is the balance after deducting my fee. What are you thinking of? Arrest you satisfied?"

Client: "I was just wondering who got hit by the car, you or me?"

Just acquitted on burglary charges? "Well, good-by. I'll drop in on you some time."

Cousin: "All right, but make it in the daytime please."

Want auto—June Bride? Very like, new, former \$7,000 buy; brand; special \$2,450.

George Ade, in his quality of cynical bachelor said at the Chicago Athletic Club.

I was sitting with a little girl of eight one afternoon. She looked up from her Hans Andersen and said:

"Does Mirage spell marriage, Mr. Ade?"

"Yes, my child, said I."

Judge: "It will go hard with you this time, stand up and look at it. You have been drinking again."

Samuel: "Yes, that, Justice, but also you've had a little more."

"Chicken! Chicken! Why I have never heard of that before."

"Yes, sir, Judge, chicken, chicken. One drink and you lay!"

Lawyer: "Mr. Peck, your wife has been arrested and is being held incommunicado. But the police chief is easy and a little money—"

Henry Peck: "Fine, fine and tell him that there's ten dollars for him for every day he can keep her that way."

Charles Keeling had been trying to hook some fish for six hours, was sitting gloomily at his tank, when a mother and her small son came along.

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"Oh," said the youngster. "Do let me see you catch a fish!"

Addressing Charlie, the mother and severely: "Now don't you catch a fish for him until he says 'please' and he didn't."

BIG PROFITS FOR
HOCKEY TEAM

Boston, Last season was the most successful in the history of Boston hockey. The Boston Bruins Professional Hockey Association, Inc. reveals an increase of \$202,217 over a year ago in the equivalent of \$27.44 a share on 2,000 shares carried at \$20, or one cent a share. The only public sale took place at P Adams is understood to have cleared away a quarter of a million since obtaining the Boston franchise four years ago. Total receipts for last season are placed at \$268,075, which tops the National Hockey League in attendance.

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